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11. (SBU) Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Senior (DFAIT) Adviser for Afghanistan Policy and Advocacy David Fairchild expressed appreciation for reftel demarche of September 17, noting that the current version appeared to have taken into consideration earlier Canadian concerns. He observed that the proposed Regional Command - South (RC-S) Civilian-Military Cell is "critically important" to Canada, and promised a cleared, inter-agency reaction before October 1 despite the government's current "caretaker status" in advance of the upcoming October 14 federal election.

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